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[Report No. 111-23]

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

JUNE 1, 2009

Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “FEMA Accountability Act of 2009”.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

5 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
6 ministrator of FEMA;

7 (2) the terms “emergency” and “major dis-
8 aster” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
9 tion 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
10 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122);
11 and

12 (3) the term “FEMA” means the Federal
13 Emergency Management Agency.

14 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER, STORAGE, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF**
15 **HOUSING UNITS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 months after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall—

18 (1) complete an assessment to determine the
19 number of temporary housing units purchased by
20 FEMA that FEMA needs to maintain in stock to re-
21 spond appropriately to emergencies or major disas-
22 ters occurring after the date of enactment of this
23 Act; and

24 (2) establish criteria for determining whether
25 the individual temporary housing units stored by
26 FEMA are in usable condition, which shall include

1 appropriate criteria for formaldehyde testing and ex-
2 posure of the individual temporary housing units.

3 (b) PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
6 trator shall establish a plan for—

7 (A) storing the number of temporary hous-
8 ing units that the Administrator has deter-
9 mined under subsection (a)(1) that FEMA
10 needs to maintain in stock;

11 (B) transferring, selling, or otherwise dis-
12 posing of the temporary housing units in the in-
13 ventory of FEMA that—

14 (i) are in excess of the number of
15 temporary housing units that the Adminis-
16 trator has determined under subsection
17 (a)(1) that FEMA needs to maintain in
18 stock; and

19 (ii) are in usable condition, based on
20 the criteria established under subsection
21 (a)(2); and

22 (C) disposing of the temporary housing
23 units in the inventory of FEMA that the Ad-
24 ministrator determines are not in usable condi-

1 tion, based on the criteria established under
2 subsection (a)(2).

3 (2) APPLICABILITY OF DISPOSAL REQUIRE-
4 MENTS.—The plan established under paragraph (1)
5 shall be subject to the requirements of section
6 408(d)(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
7 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
8 5174(d)(2)) and other applicable provisions of law.

9 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 9 months
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
11 shall implement the plan described in subsection (b).

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
14 to the appropriate committees of the Senate and the
15 House of Representatives a report on the status of the
16 transfer, distribution, sale, or other disposal of ~~the unused~~
17 ~~temporary housing units purchased by FEMA.~~*temporary*
18 *housing units under this section.*

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